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land leased by the Department of Aeronautics be reappraised every five years, why are we getting rid of that?

SENATOR BROMM: The...it serves no purpose and it is an expense that the department felt was unnecessary. There didn't seem to be any need for that requirement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: When...does the department sometimes sell some of the land they own, but they sell it at public auction? Is that...anyway? I guess my question is, does the appraisal play any role in the sale price in the event that they sell property?

SENATOR BROMM: I am told that they aren't able to sell property at this time because it's held in trust and I would have to find out more about that, but the sale of real estate actually didn't come up, but I'm being told that they...they aren't and can't sell any at this point.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so the reappra...why did they have the reappraisal in the first place? I'm trying to understand what has happened that makes that no longer...I'm trying to understand why somebody thought it was pertinent at one point in time but it's no longer pertinent now.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Beutler, I'm not sure how to answer that. The...the only thing that I can recall from the hearing was that...that they explained that there was no purpose being served that this requirement was in the statute. It was an expense which didn't provide any meaningful information for them and, therefore, they asked that we remove it and the committee suggested that was a good idea.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the motion to return? Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close. He waives that opportunity. The question before the body is to return LB 446 for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return